"Express Mail" Label No. EL265821147US Date of Deposit (03-19-0)

I hereby certify that this is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Address" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to:

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Attorney Docket No.: 16869P-018200US Client Reference No.: 340000540\(\bar{1}\)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Takashi Shinoda, et al.

Application No.:

Filed: Herewith

For: Method of Detecting Changed

Contents

Examiner:

Unassigned

Art Unit:

Unassigned

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

UNDER 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The references cited on attached form PTO/SB/08A are being called to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of the references are enclosed. It is respectfully requested that the cited references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

As provided for by 37 CFR 1.97(g) and (h), no inference should be made that the information and references cited are prior art merely because they are in this statement and no representation is being made that a search has been conducted or that this statement encompasses all the possible relevant information.

Takashi Shinoda, et al. Application No.: Page 2



Applicant believes that <u>no fee is required</u> for submission of this statement, since it is being submitted prior to the first Office Action. However, if a fee is required, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct such fee from the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please deduct any additional fees from, or credit any overpayment to, the abovenoted Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

Columbe

Robert C. Colwell Reg. No. 27,431

TOWNSEND and TOWNSEND and CREW LLP Two Embarcadero Center, 8th Floor San Francisco, California 94111-3834 Tel: 650-326-2400

Fax: 650-326-2422

RCC

PA 3133737 v1

much 10/31/2002 OMR 0651-0031

7 pproved for use unough 10/3 //2002. OND 003 1-003 [
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
are not fired to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control or when

	و ر	
Application Number		^A C
Filing Date		<u></u>
First Named Inventor	Shinoda, Takashi, et al.	
Group Art Unit		7
Examiner Name		- 58
Attorney Docket Number	16869P018200	T T
	Filling Date First Named Inventor Group Art Unit Examiner Name	Filling Date First Named Inventor Shinoda, Takashi, et al. Group Art Unit Examiner Name

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Ci Initials * No	Cite No. ¹	U.S. Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant	Date of Publication of	Pages Columns Lines
		Number	Kind Code ² (if known)	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
	-	 				
		<u> </u>				
		-				
	<u> </u>					
						
	<u> </u>	_				

	 					···
						
						
		 				
		-				
		+				
			-			
		+				
		-				

	FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
Examiner Initials*	Cite	Foreign Patent Document			Name of Patentee	Date of Publication of	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant	
	No.1	Office	Number⁴	Kind Code ⁵ (<i>if known</i>)	or Applicant of Cited Document	Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
	A1	JP	2000-078125		Hitachi, Ltd.	03-14-2000		
				,				
				+				
							,	

Date Considered

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Unique citation designation number. ² See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.